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MEMORANDUM FOR:

GENERAL HAIG

FROM:

JON HOWE

SUBJECT:

Distribution of Lam Son 719 Reports

As we discussed yesterday, Admiral Anderson has requested to see the MFRs from NMCC which report twice daily on operations in Laos and Cambodia. You indicated that there was no need to provide these to him. However, before gently informing his aide of this decision, I wanted to be sure that this was still your decision since, knowing the personalities involved, this matter will probably be escalated to a higher level (if there is one!).

Attached for your information is the distribution NMCC uses for their report. It seems to me we have three alternatives:

_____ Tell him the information is being closely held and that if we were to make an exception of him there would be others who are less reliable to whom we would have to provide information.

_____ Provide him with a sanitized MFR, although at this point there is not too much of special sensitivity in the MFR.

_____ Provide him with the MFRs with the understanding that this is being done on an "Eyes Only" basis.

Attachment

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